

# PARAGRAPH WRITING TIPS AND TRICKS

## PARTS OF THE PARAGRAPH:

- *Topic Sentence(s)* → 1-2 sentences
  - Introduce your topic and clearly state your opinion.
  - Also describe how you are going to prove that your opinion is right...briefly state your three points in general terms.
- *Developing Sentences* → 9-12 sentences
  - For each of your three points:
    - Transition from the previous sentence/point and explain your point.
    - Provide proof, or evidence, to support your claim.
    - Connect your evidence to your point...explain how your point and proof relate to your topic sentence.
  - Repeat this process for all three of your points.
- *Conclusion* → 1 sentence
  - Restate your points and opinion in different words.

## TRANSITION WORDS THAT YOU CAN USE IN YOUR PARAGRAPH:

- For adding ideas:
  - however, moreover, and, besides, then, equally, important, not only...but also, likewise, further, furthermore, in addition, again
- To indicate order:
  - to begin with, first of all, first, second, next, third, to conclude, finally, lastly, subsequently, consequently, concurrently, at the same time, previously, preceding this, simultaneously, concurrently
- For opposing or contrasting ideas:
  - but, yet, actually, nor, although, however, still, nevertheless, on the other hand, on the contrary, by contrast, after all, differing from, neither...nor, notwithstanding, for all that, at the same time, even though, otherwise, in spite of, whereas, nonetheless
- For comparing ideas:
  - similarly, likewise, in like manner, by comparison, not only...but also, both...and, either...or
- To show result or consequences:
  - then, afterwards, as a result, hereafter, finally, now, because, hence, consequently, so, therefore, accordingly, thus, thereupon
- To illustrate ideas:
  - for example, for instance, thus, when, where, in this case, evidence of this, in this situation
- To intensify ideas:
  - indeed, in truth, basically, of course, truly, certainly, essentially, definitely, undoubtedly, naturally
- To summarize, repeat, exemplify:
  - to sum up, in brief, on the whole, in short, in other words, that is, for example, for instance, in any event, in particular, once again, hence, in short, in conclusion, for this reason

- To indicate time:
  - then, now, finally, meanwhile, eventually, next, hereafter, afterwards, immediately, soon, after, later, at last, as soon as, currently, presently, henceforth, previously
- To indicate place:
  - Away from, beyond, here, nearby, opposite to, close to, adjacent to, on the opposite side, next to, on the left, across, among, below, beneath, beside, farther, there, under, over

### **EXAMPLE**

Toronto is a great city in which to live because it is multicultural, beautiful, and there are many fun things to do. First, Toronto is Canada's largest and most multicultural city. There are over 2.5 million people currently living in Toronto, many of whom have settled in Toronto from other places all over the world. This means there are many different languages spoken in the city, and different neighbourhoods one can visit in order to experience all the culture the city has to offer. Next, Toronto is a beautiful city. There are interesting buildings and large, beautiful parks in which to walk and play. No matter where you are, you are sure to enjoy the gorgeous sights and sounds. Finally, there are lots of fun things to do in Toronto. There are many professional sports teams which play here, plays, ballets, museums, as well as world class dining and shopping. No matter whom you are or what you are interested in, you are sure to find something fun to do. In conclusion, Toronto is a dynamic city to live in because it is home to many different cultures, has gorgeous parks and buildings, and there are always many interesting and entertaining things to do.